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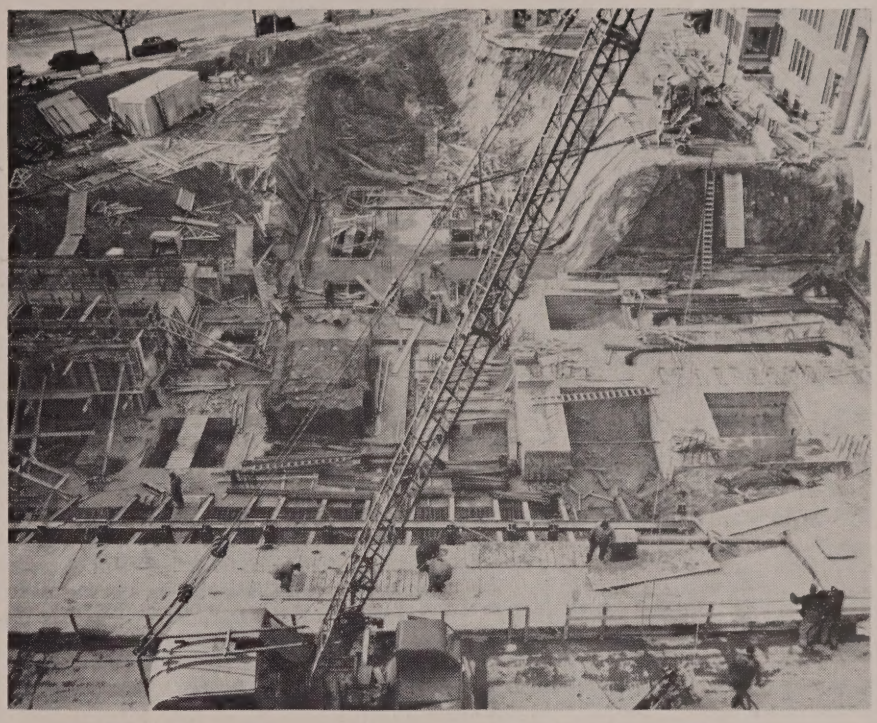

In his report to the Corporation of the New England Deaconess Hospital which held its Annual Meeting February 20, Dr. Warren F. Cook, Executive Director, made the following statement: "For the New England Deaconess Hospital, 1950 was a year of unusual achievement. Two large, important projects were begun. On October 20 ground was broken for the new Central Deaconess Building, a project which for the past decade has very much occupied our thoughts. Now it has ceased to be merely something on paper and the frustrations of waiting, the occasional discouragements, the fear of not being able to work out the initial financial requirements have ceased. *We are started!* It is our first major building program since the erection of the George F. Baker Clinic in 1935. Of course, for many months ahead we will be working out innumerable details with contractors and suppliers, struggling with war shortage and financial problems. But no obstacle seems insurmountable now that we are on our way. Centralization of services for all the Deaconess buildings is a major object of this particular project — the grouping of kitchens, operating rooms, x-ray, administration and laboratories so that operating costs can be cut to a minimum. In the past we have had as many as 700 people awaiting admission. With 27 per cent added to our bed capacity, we will be able to care for over 2,000 additional patients annually and bring our patient-days service up to more than 125,000. This will be the third largest voluntary hospital service in the State, only the City Hospital and the Massachusetts General exceeding this. We expect that the new building will be ready for use in about a year and renovation in the Deaconess and Palmer buildings will be completed four to six months later. We received a $410,000 gift for this building from the Federal Government, which was the full amount requested, despite the fact that previous to this grant the President and the Bureau of the Budget cut the appropriation for medical schools and hospitals in half. The money for our building, however, was released upon the recommendation of the State Board of Health because we were ready to begin construction at once. I think you might be interested to know that on October 7, the week-end before the government allotment was to be made, we were over $100,000 short of cash, securities and good pledges, the amount required to match the government's grant. Over the week-end, thanks to our good friends, we raised this necessary amount in firm and tentative pledges and, incidentally, more than $60,000 in cash and firm pledges has now been paid toward this amount. The final papers were then signed and on October 20, we broke ground for this central building.

"1950's second important project for the New England Deaconess Hospital was the beginning and near completion of the Cancer Research Institute, the first of its kind in New England to be devoted solely to cancer detection and study. Its primary purpose will be to assist the private practitioner in cancer diagnosis. The funds for this three story building came through a $485,000 grant from the United States Department of Public Health, secured largely through the influence of Dr. Shields Warren, the hospital matching the gift with beds and land and other items. An additional $65,000 for a teaching auditorium in this building has been raised by the doctors of the Staff. This building will be occupied in the spring of 1951 and Dr. Shields Warren, Chief of Pathology at New England Deaconess Hospital and Director of the Biology and Medicine Division of the United States Atomic Energy Commission, will be in charge."

Calling All Nurses

We are desperately short of nursing hours at the hospital and would be very glad to employ part-time people. If you can in any way help us out, or if you know of any nurses who can, will you please write or telephone the Nursing Office, Extension 338.—Olive L. Nelson.

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Latvian Students

Over a year ago two Latvian girls came to see Miss Shrader about entering our Training School of Nurses. They were members of two cultured families who had come to this country as D.P.'s. They had been well educated, but had no funds whatsoever.

We spoke to the girls about scholarships but explained our policy of giving scholarships — not when girls entered the school but after they had been with us long enough to prove their ability and probable value to the nursing profession. They went away, saying they would come back when they had earned some money.

Recently they both came back. They had worked as domestics for eleven and a half months, and between them they had saved $1400 with which to begin their training. We believe these girls will make good.

— Warren F. Cook.

Capping

Capping for the '53 Juniors took place last Friday evening, March 16. This is an impressive ceremony at which the students who entered the school last fall received their caps — the first symbol of their nursing career. These caps are plain. Then, on the cuff of the cap, a black velvet ribbon, which varies in width as the student progresses through the various years of training, is added.

The day of capping is one of the most anticipated events in a nurse's career for up to that time a student wears the student uniform but no cap. Therefore, it is with great pride that this cap is worn.

Miss Olive L. Nelson presented the following students with their caps:

Patricia Allen, Anna Anderson, June Batchelder, Barbara Belcher, Virginia Bradbury, Sara Carlson, Barbara Cree, Mary Louise Day, Caroline DiRico, Stella Fleming, Eunice Foster, Marjorie Giffin, Beth Goldsmith, Jane Greenwood, Anna Griffith, Marcia Heath, Barbara Hesketh, Audrey LaPadula, Jeannine Lundin, Astrid Mattson, Mililani Paoa, Ellen Phillips, Ruth Pilgrim, Nancylee Reed, Dawn Richards, Margaret Robbie, Cynthia Russell, Evelyn Sanford, Constance Sargent, Judith Schucker, Mary Shannon, Carol Somes, Deborah Thomas, Dorothy Vaughan, Nancy Warwick, Constance Webb, Phyllis Whitney.

Nursing And Auxiliary Personnel Shortage

Nursing personnel has again been affected in our hospital as well as throughout the country. To meet our emergency, we have again added full-time Ward Helpers during the day and a new class for Hospital Aides will begin on March 26. These Aides will work the Twilight Shift after their training. Also, graduate nurses are once again being employed on a part-time basis.

Service Enlistments

Richard C. Endrushat	Pharmacy
W. Clifford Fisher	Purchasing
John T. Gallagher	Housekeeping
Ruth F. Murphy	Nursing
Joseph A. O'Brien	Pharmacy
Wilfrid J. Rokowski, M.D.	Blood Bank
Robert E. Shephard	Dietary
Donald F. Stewart	Dietary
Phyllis L. Stoddard	Nursing
Elizabeth Waters	Nursing

Reminder

Anyone desiring to make a Red Feather payment may do so on April 5 in the Cafeteria, Harris Hall, anytime between 9:30 A.M. and 11:30 A.M.

New Corporation Members

The following were elected Corporation Members of the New England Deaconess Hospital at the annual meeting: Dr. Harold C. Case, President, Boston University, F. Nelson Bridgham, James F. Farr, Ernest S. Johnson, George W. Lamb, Spencer Montgomery, and the Rev. Charles Parkin. Mr. C. Adrian Sawyer, Jr. was elected a Trustee.

New England Hospital Assembly

The 28th Annual Meeting of the Assembly will take place at the Hotel Statler on March 26-28. The program has been planned to consider matters of vital interest to everyone in the hospital field. The subjects of the meetings are as follows:

Monday morning — Civil Defense, Accounting, Medical Records.

Monday afternoon — Personnel, Staff Development.

Tuesday morning — Pharmacy, Social Service.

Tuesday afternoon — Outpatient and rehabilitation, Construction.

Wednesday morning — Auxiliary meetings, Maintenance, Purchasing.

Wednesday afternoon — Auxiliary meetings, Dietetics, Coordination of hospital service.

LOST

Waterman pen and pencil set — Lillian A. Baker, Hospital Aide.

Charge book and prescription blanks — Dr. Carl Bartels, Lahey Clinic.

Red rimmed glasses and case—Dorothy Blanchard, Solution Room.

Emblem Club pin—Mary Egar, Chemical Laboratory.

Red wallet — Ruth A. Fowler, Ward Helper.

Brown English make pen — Dr. Ibrahim Higazi, Lahey Clinic.

Wallet—Janet H. Huston, Acting Head Nurse, D3S.

Wrist watch — Dr. Richard G. McManus, Resident, Pathological Laboratory.

Green and black fountain pen and Ronson pencil lighter — Margaret Middleton, Cell Diagnosis Laboratory.

Schick injector razor — Dr. Philip O. Montgomery, Pathological Laboratory.

Blue and gold Everready pen — Evelyn Wright, Treasurer's Office.

Have you lost or found anything? Have you something to sell or swap? How about baby sitting or car washing?

Services Supervisor

On March first Mrs. Jane R. Boyce was promoted to Services Supervisor in charge of the Hostess, Mail Desk, Messenger, and Switchboard Services. She will make her headquarters at the Mail Desk, where she has been, but will circulate at various times from building to building.

There has been no permanent supervisor of these services for some time, so the creation of this position is a welcome advance. Mrs. Boyce will continue her regular work but will add the functions of a supervisor to her duties.

Mrs. Boyce has been connected with the hospital for several years as Mail Desk Supervisor, summer substitute, and relief hostess. She had many years' experience in Buffalo, New York, with the Robertson Machine and Foundry Company as Office Manager before coming to Boston.

The Bug

Did you have it? If you did, you were one of 231 of our 584 regular salaried employees who were out in February — so there are plenty of stories to swap. Actually 40 per cent of our employees were out in the month of February — which has only 23 working days! Over 2 years of working time was lost — approximately 5000 hours. This beats all previous records, for 666½ days of paid sick leave were granted. We have never known such an epidemic and it's hats off to all those who through great personal sacrifice, overtime, double duty, and extra work managed to keep the hospital running. We hope we will never have to do it again. It was accomplished only through the understanding cooperation of all.

Wages Thaw

Tax exempt hospitals were exempted from wage freezes in General Order No. 7 of the Wage Stabilization Board released in Washington, February 20. This applies to wage adjustments for employees of religious, charitable, scientific, literary and educational organizations. Adjustments may be made on wages, salaries, or other compensation of employees without prior approval of the Wage Stabilization Board.

Important

It is important that all changes in address, responsible relative or friend, and marital status be reported at once to the Personnel Office. This is for your protection, so please cooperate with us.

Miss Winger and Mrs. Greer Check Trays in a Diet Kitchen

How Would You Like To Buy All This?

How does this compare with your weekly shopping list? Below are items which every family uses — but the hospital uses them in even greater quantity:

Item	*Weekly Order*	*January '50 Cost*	*January '51 Cost*	*Price Extension*
Bread	560 loaves	24c loaf	26c loaf	$145.00
Butter	200 pounds	67c pound	78c pound	156.00
Coffee	200 pounds	70c pound	80c pound	160.00
Eggs	510 dozen	38c dozen	62c dozen	316.20
Milk	2400 quarts	$1.40 8-qt. case	$1.78 8-qt. case	534.00
Potatoes	1500 pounds	$2.70 50-lb. bag	$1.20 50-lb. bag	36.00
Poultry				143.50
Chicken	350 pounds	33c pound	41c pound	
Turkey	450 pounds	41c pound	49½c pound	222.75

Dr. Charles Wilinsky, director of the Beth Israel Hospital and chairman of the Council on Government Relations of the Massachusetts Hospital Association, on March 6 in an appeal to the legislative committee on public welfare for full pay to the hospitals on welfare cases pointed out among other things that food costs had tripled between 1941 and 1951. This is an appreciable amount, for approximately 1100 meals are served to patients and 1085 to employees each week.

New Record Librarian

Mrs. Virginia J. Burgoyne was appointed on February 28 to assist Miss Ella M. Needham, who is in charge of the Record Rooms. Mrs. Burgoyne is a Registered Record Librarian and comes from California. She received her training at the Mercy Hospital in San Diego where she was also employed. She worked at St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica and the Moore-White Clinic in Los Angeles. She served for three years in the U. S. Navy as a Wave.

For Doctors Only

Sometime this month the new parking lot for doctors only will be completed at the side of Harris Hall. This will add about 50 more spaces to the parking facilities of the hospital. The entrance is from Deaconess Road and the exit circles around onto Pilgrim Road. This lot will be a more central location for the doctors and will provide a better service for them. With this addition, there will be increased space for the employees in the area at the corner of Longwood Ave. and Pilgrim Rd.

DEPARTMENTAL NOTES

Engagements

Miss Barbara Ann Cullen, '49 Jr., to S/Sgt. Richard P. Barker of St. Albans, Vermont. Miss Cullen is an Assistant Head Nurse and Mr. Barker, who served for 15 months in Europe during World War II, was recalled to active duty after two years at the University of Vermont. The wedding will take place on June 2, 1951.

Miss Virginia Ellis, '44 Jr., to Mr. John V. Morowski of Boston, formerly of Pittsfield. Mr. Morowski, an engineer, is a graduate of Northeastern University. The wedding is planned for June 23, 1951.

Miss Mary Ann Graves, student nurse of the '52 Jr. class, to Pvt. Walter E. Bruffee, who is with the 43rd Infantry Division at Camp Pickett, Virginia. He expects immediate overseas duty so the date of the wedding is indefinite. Miss Graves will complete her course in September of 1952.

Miss Joan Marian Morison, student nurse of the '51 Jr. class, to Mr. Bruce Carter Hobson of Taunton. Mr. Hobson has served in the Navy, was graduated from the University of Massachusetts and is employed at Pheasant Farm, Millis.

Miss Joan Isabelle Robinson, '49 Jr., to Mr. William Flynn of Jamaica Plain. Miss Robinson is a staff nurse at the Manchester Memorial Hospital, Manchester, Connecticut. Mr. Flynn served with the Air Force during the war and is a graduate of Boston College.

Weddings

Miss Patricia Mae Black, former student of the '51 Jr., class, to Mr. Charles H. Miller recently. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are now living in Norwell.

Miss Marilyn Elizabeth Cochran, student nurse of the '52 Sr. class, to Lt. Theodore E. Surdy (USAF) of New Kensington, Pennsylvania on February 18, 1951 at the United Church, Derby. Mrs. Surdy will complete her course in January, 1952 while Lt. Surdy will be in Edmonton, Alberta, where he is a flight instructor for RCAP trainees.

Miss Barbara Shirley Davison, '50 Sr., to Mr. Robert J. Renfrow on February 10th at the Hillcrest Church, Melrose. Mr. Renfrow served for three years with the Army in the European theatre and is now an electrical engineer for RCA-Victor, Camden, New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Renfrow are living on Tenth Avenue, Haddon Heights, New Jersey.

Miss Dorothy Frances Johnson, '47 Jr., to Mr. Francis E. Divoll on February 7th at the Trinitarian Parsonage, Templeton. Mrs. Divoll was Head Nurse, Deaconess IV, and her husband is employed at the Walter E. Fernald State School in Baldwinsville. They are living at 12 Forest Street, Templeton.

Miss Janet Sandra Kinsley, '50 Jr., to Mr. Richard Emery Johnson on February 3rd at the First Congregational Church, Harwich. Mr. Johnson, a contractor, served for three years with the Marine Corps, and was graduated in 1949 from the Spartan School of Aeronautics (School of Meterology). Their home is on Belmont Road, West Harwich.

Miss Virginia Jane Reid, student nurse of the '51 Jr. class, to Mr. Robert E. Coulter on February 8th at the First Congregational Church, Stratford, Connecticut. Mr. Coulter is in the Navy and Mrs. Coulter will complete her course in September.

Miss Joan Louise Shackford, '50 Jr., to Mr. James Edward Hastings on January 27th at the High Street Congregational Church, Auburn, Maine. Mr. and Mrs. Hastings are living in Chicopee.

Miss Ardra Wavle, '49 Jr., to Mr. Mortimer M. Prescott, Jr. on January 27th at the First Parish Church of Hingham. Mrs. Prescott was formerly a surgical nurse and her husband is a senior at Northeastern University. They plan to make their home in Springfield.

Miss Priscilla Louise Webster, former student of the '52 Sr. class, to Mr. Richard Oscar Campbell recently at the Chapel of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Portland, Maine. Mr. Campbell was a Junior at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy before being called to active duty with the U. S. Marine Reserves. He is stationed at Camp Le Jeune, North Carolina.

Dietary

Mrs. Helen A. Powers, who has been a Therapeutic Dietitian since July, 1943, has resigned. She and her husband will make their home in Manchester, New Hampshire, where Mr. Powers will practice law.

The sympathy of the department is extended to Miss Neila Blanche on the recent death of her sister.

Welcome back to Miss Dorothy Wing of the Cafeteria and Mrs. Mary Jane Abrams of Baker from their leaves of absence.

Mrs. Eleanor F. Cash assumed her duties as Cafeteria Manager on March 1. Mrs. Cash attended Massachusetts State College and was at the Jonathan Maynard Elementary School in Framingham Center on the federal lunch project before joining our staff. In addition to working here as a summer substitute last year, she spent a year at the cafeteria of the Northboro School.

An American Hospital Association Institute on Dietary Department Management will be held at the Hotel Kenmore from March 29 to 30. Miss Effie May Winger is to lead a panel discussion on *Major Policies in Converting to a Pay Cafeteria.*

Maintenance

Mr. Emil Soares, one of our painters who was with us about five years, resigned to go into the Navy.

Mr. Herbert Robinson has just completed some changes in the cafeteria. The new storage room for dirty dishes and trays is a big improvement over the open, unsightly racks by which we had to pass to enter the cafeteria through the tunnel.

Social Service

Miss Gladys Harrison, who resigned last July, was in Boston recently and visited the hospital. She is now living at the Iron Rail Camp, Box 485, Beverly. This is off Route 128 near Wenham and she would be pleased to have people visit or write her.

Surgery

On Thursday evening, March 1, a baby shower was given at 9 Autumn Street for Betty (Armitage) Poole, who has resigned.

Glad To See You

Blood Bank: Mary P. Corcoran, Joseph P. Crehan, M.D.

Chemistry: Norma R. Goldman, Elaine Kaufman, Phyllis J. Wood.

Dietary: Catherine T. Brown, Eleanor F. Cash, Elsie M. Coy, Myrtle Gansenberg, Hugh Goodwin, Doris J. Hodgkins, Mary E. Pizzano, Betty A. Sawyer, Patricia A. Walsh, Irene Webster.

Housekeeping: Mary A. Curran, Harlan E. Harvey, Emma A. Trey.

Nursing: Ruth D. Campbell, Gladys O. Clark, Barbara M. Coullahan, Ruth A. Fowler, Patricia R. Perry, Antonetta Swennen.

Record Room: Virginia J. Burgoyne.

Research: Elmer A. Pedersen.

Surgery: Marguerite R. Byers, D. Jeanne Masse.